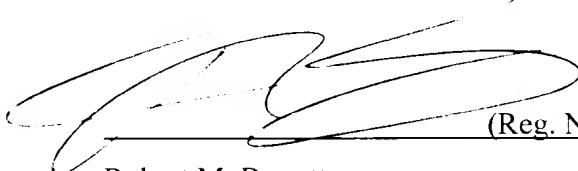


broader, than the claims that were cancelled. Accordingly, this amendment does not narrow the scope of protection afforded by the claims that were pending.

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the above-identified patent application and specifically Claims 11-29 be passed to allowance.

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